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In re Application of:

Basil C. Linton et al. : Group Art Unit: 3727

Serial No.: 10/602,784 : Examiner: Hylton, R.A.

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Title: RECLOSABLE BAG HAVING WICKET FLAP
AND SLIDER-ACTUATED STRING ZIPPER

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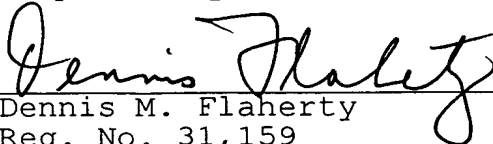
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 10, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has distinguished the following inventions: claims 13-26 and 34-41 (Group I) drawn to a method of forming a bag; and claims 1-12 and 27-33 (Group II) drawn to a bag.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-12 and 27-33 of Group II.

Respectfully submitted,



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